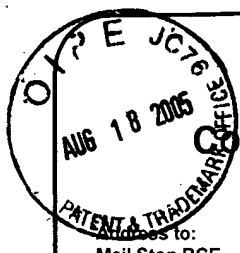


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First Named Inventor	TAKESHIGE et al.
Group Art Unit	2133
Examiner Name	Britt, Cynthia
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For: TEST METHOD AND TEST SYSTEM FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

**AMENDMENT WITH FILING OF A REQUEST FOR
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Sir:

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